

OUR YOUTH GO FORWARD

Some solid thinking and plenty of inspiration was carried home to their 49 churches by the 340 delegates at Pilgrim Fellowship's annual Midwinter Conference at First Church, Berkeley.

Not over anyone's head, but with food for thought for the adults too, were Henry David Gray's talks on "It Makes a Difference What You Believe," "What it Means to Believe in God," "Our Beliefs and Our Fellowmen," and "Putting Our Beliefs Into Action."

Eighteen youth discussion leaders and as many resource men guided discussion groups. Vested choir, practicing between the busy sessions, sang at the youth-led chapel services. Morning watch before breakfast was led by Rev. Ken Kinnear.

Business meetings heard Centennial plans, cheered the announcement of 1949 camp schedule, revised the Pilgrim Fellowship Constitution, urging the clothing-for-Hungary drive, reviewed Missionary projects, talked over plans for Youth Week (Jan. 30-Feb. 6) and area workshops in February and March.

Featured afternoon events were tours of U. C. Campus, Pacific School of Religion, and International House on Tuesday, and San Francisco on Wednesday. So large and eager was the conference that Director Dick Norberg finally chartered four Greyhound buses for the S. F. trip.

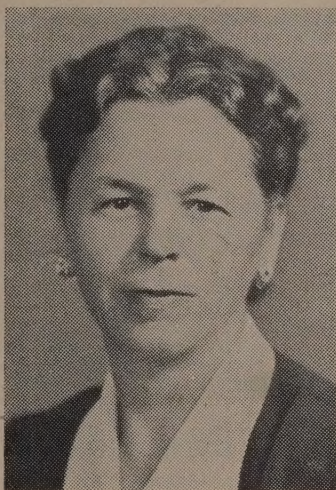
Tiny golden gavel and chain was presented to P. F. President Jeanette Desin, who with Program Chairman Avonne Ravekes guided the sessions. Host group, Winthrop League, received a P. F. plaque, as did the newest group from Russell City.

ANNUAL MEET BAY CHURCHES

Rev. Byron E. Eshelman, moderator, announces that the annual meeting of the Bay Association of Congregational Churches in Northern California will be held at the North Congregational Church, Cedar and Walnut streets, Berkeley, on Tuesday, February 15, beginning at 4:30 in the afternoon. Following a brief devotional service there will be one-minute reports from the churches. The Nominating Committee will present list of officers for the coming year for the annual election.

Dinner will be served at \$1.25 per plate in the new social hall. Only 120 people can be served, which will make it important for all who desire to attend to get their reservations in early.

Rev. Vere V. Loper is being asked to present the most important actions taken at the Mid-Winter Meetings at Cleveland. The main speaker will be Miss Anna Dederer, whose picture appears elsewhere in this issue and who will be in Northern California en route to Micronesia.



Miss Anna Dederer Of South Seas

Miss Anna Dederer of the Micronesian mission field is to be in Northern California from about January 23 to February 21. Miss Dederer was with the German Mission in Micronesia before the war, but, with the coming to an end of the work of that mission, joined the American Board work in that very important area. She has been in the United States for a year or so, and is now returning to her field. Mrs. William H. Medlicott of the Speakers' Bureau recommends her highly as a fascinating speaker with a very vivid message. A schedule is being prepared by the Conference office.

COMING

Watch for the February issue of The Pacific. It will be a pre-Centennial issue devoted to the many opportunities that lie before us as a fellowship in this swiftly growing area. Ministers and churches will want to use it in preparation for Centennial Sunday and to order extra copies for distribution to members of their congregation. It is expected that the issue will be ready early in February. Ministers and churches will not expect the usual page of church news in that issue.

Seven Pillars of Stewardship

A Christian Steward:

1. Reads the Bible daily together with the "literature of power."
2. Worships weekly with his fellow-Christians.
3. Gives a certain number of hours of Christian service each week for which he receives no pay.
4. Glorifies God in times of recreation and in times of work.
5. Invests his money in enterprises useful to mankind.
6. Sets aside a definite proportion of his income for the work of the Kingdom of God.
7. Tells others of Christ and the joy he has known in serving Him.

—Suggested by Douglas Horton, Minister,
General Council of Congregational Christian Churches

Pastoral Conference

The 49th Annual Earl Lectures and the Interdenominational Pastoral Conference at Pacific School of Religion will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 22, 23, and 24. The Earl lecturer will be Dr. Georgia Harkness, noted woman theologian and professor at Garrett Biblical Institute of Evanston, Illinois. Other Earl lecturers will include William E. Garrison of the "Christian Century" staff; George Walker Buckner, editor of the "World Call" of Indianapolis; Mr. Robert P. T. Coffin, poet, who so delighted the Conference a year ago; and our own beloved and distinguished O. W. S. McCall, now of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Faculty members will conduct workshops. There will be an interesting collection of Bibles and a photographic exhibit of the Holy Land by Life Magazine. Overnight accommodations for ministers can be secured if requests are received by the school not later than February 15th. Congregational ministers will look forward to their usual luncheon together.

A GOOD JOB

The editor of The Pacific acknowledges with sincere gratitude his thanks to his fellow staff members, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, and Rev. William W. Meyer, for the editing of The Pacific for the last six issues. Readers will agree that very high standard of editorial and format has been maintained.

Special Meeting General Council

The Executive Committee of the General Council, meeting in New York, January 5, has called a special meeting of the Council, itself, at Cleveland, Ohio, February 4 and 5, presumably to take action regarding the union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church in accordance with the action taken at Oberlin last June. Delegates serving at Oberlin, and their alternates, continue as members of the General Council until the opening of the 1950 meeting, hence are being notified of this special meeting, which they are privileged to attend.

Laymen's School

The annual Laymen's School of Churchmanship will be held on Sunday, February 20, at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. The two main speakers will be Superintendent Harley H. Gill and Dr. Ralph D. Hyslop. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the program will end in the afternoon with a showing of the illustrated lecture, "One Hundred Years of Congregationalism in California," by Sidney H. Buckham, at 3:30.

Luncheon will be served at the North Congregational Church in the new fellowship hall. In the afternoon the following interest groups will meet for an hour and a half under the leaders listed below:

1. "Church Financing"—A. E. Bredemeier of Saratoga and R. S. Raven of Stockton.
2. "Deacons"—Kenneth Loomis of San Mateo and Sidney H. Bucknam of Berkeley.
3. "Church Music"—Daniel T. Ruggles of Sonoma and Victor McLane of Modesto.
4. "Congregational Policy"—Frank E. Carlson and Hugh Vernon White of Berkeley.
5. "Personal Evangelism"—David H. Gill of Sacramento and James G. Yates of San Francisco.
6. "Church Building and Architecture"—Scott Haymond of Berkeley and H. G. Bissell of Stockton.

Registrations for the School of Churchmanship should be made before February 15. Notices are being mailed from the Conference office to all pastors and keymen in local churches.

Pacific Book Service Discontinued

The Conference office announces the complete discontinuance of the Pacific Book Service. This service has been maintained for the convenience of the churches and the Sunday Schools for almost nineteen years. It has been conducted at a financial loss due to the fact that the profit never amounted to more than a fraction of the cost of office help in managing it. Various solutions have been attempted. Pilgrim Press has been urged to establish a San Francisco branch. Effort has been made to launch a book store in the East Bay area which might take it over. No plans seemed to hold promise that would not involve the Conference in the questionable undertaking of going into business or in further financial obligation.

The stock of books and Sunday School supplies have been returned to Boston and all ministers and church workers are urged to send their orders direct. It may be that at some future time some satisfactory plan can be worked out.

Many friends and organizations of our churches have been sending checks for the extraordinary hospital expense of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. Lawrence, our Cazadero managers. Others desiring to share should send money to Rev. William W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

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N. CAL. DELEGATES

The regular denominational Mid-
Winter Meetings will be held in Cleve-
land, Ohio, during the early part of
February of this year. The Conference
Board of Directors has voted that the
three staff members, Messrs. Gill,
Buckham, and Meyer should attend.
Mrs. E. B. Kientz, president of the
Federation of Congregational Women,
Mrs. Scott Haymond, member of the
Board of Directors of the Board of Home
Missions, Rev. Vere V. Loper, member of
the Prudential Committee of the American
Board, and President Ronald Bridges of
the Executive Committee of the General
Council will undoubtedly be present.

CHINA MISSIONARIES AT HOME

Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker
and Dr. Alma Locke Cook have re-
turned from China under the policy
of evacuation as advocated by the
State Department of the United
States Government. Dr. Cooke, after
a brief visit with relatives, is going
to the Hawaiian Islands and will be
at the home of her sister. The Whit-
akers, who own a home in San Jose,
will, after a brief rest, settle down
and be a part of our Northern Cali-
fornia fellowship.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The annual meeting and dinner of
the Northern California-Western Ne-
vada Council of Churches is to be
held on January 21st at the Scottish
Rite Auditorium in Oakland. Tickets
are \$1.90 each and may be secured
through pastors of churches.

Honorable Francis Sayre, outstand-
ing Episcopal layman and president
of the Trusteeship Council, of the
United Nations, formerly with our
State Department, will be speaker.

Pre-Easter Meetings

San Francisco Council of Churches
announces a week to the building of
spiritual foundations—April 4 to
April 8, with noonday services in the
First Congregational Church and eve-
ning services at Grace Cathedral. Dr.
Ralph W. Sockman of New York will
preach at all ten services.

Leland Mahood Ordained

Leland Mahood, who served our
Pilgrim Church in Oakland for a year
or two, was ordained on January 6th.
He has been serving in Chicago area
while completing work for his de-
gree at Chicago Seminary.

Ordination

Mr. George W. Lindsay was or-
dained as a Congregational minister
at the New Pilgrim Congregational
Church of Oakland, of which he is the
pastor, on Wednesday evening, De-
cember 1. A council of the vicinage
assembled in the afternoon and heard
a remarkably fine paper by the can-
didate, who had previously appeared
before the Conference Committee on
Ministerial Standing. The council
voted without hesitation to proceed
to the ordination.

Rev. Holland F. Burr of Piedmont,
with whom Mr. Lindsay had at one
time worked as an associate, preached
the sermon. Rev. John C. Mickle, Jr.,
of South Berkeley, gave the call to
worship, and Rev. Ernest M. Fowler
offered the invocation. Rev. Donald
L. Kirkbride of Niles read the Scrip-
ture. Rev. Frank E. Carlson pre-
sented the vows of ordination, and
Rev. Thomas E. Watt offered the or-
daining prayer. Superintendent Har-
ley H. Gill gave the right hand of fel-
lowship, and Rev. Richard C. Norberg
of Hayward the charge to the can-
didate. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes of
North Berkeley, gave the charge to
the people. Rev. Byron E. Eshelman,
former pastor of the church, was the
moderator.

Congregations in New Pilgrim
Church have shown great improve-
ment. A new Junior High Pilgrim
Fellowship group has been formed.
The budget for church support has
been largely underwritten.

1948 RECORD LATER

Since the Conference books are
held open until the tenth of the
month to permit treasurers to get
their remittances for 1948 into the
office and to be credited to the
churches, The Pacific, as in former
years, will delay its church by church
reports until a later issue. The same
will also be true with the Women's
Thank Offering and the gifts for the
CWVR.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Pacific School of Religion has an-
nounced a six-weeks summer session
from June 20 to July 29. Dr. Jack
Finegan has been appointed dean.
The six-weeks period will be divided
into two three-week terms, thus mak-
ing it possible for students to attend
either period or both. Announce-
ments regarding faculty will come
later.

MRS. ROBERT G. HARBUTT

Just as The Pacific goes to press
word comes of the death of Mrs. Rob-
ert G. Harbutt, quite suddenly, at
her home in Santa Rosa on New
Year's Day. Mr. Harbutt, who passed
away quite a number of years ago,
will be remembered as the greatly
loved minister of our church at Niles.
Their marriage took place subsequent
to his leaving California. Mrs. Har-
butt came to California several years
ago and has been an active member
in the Santa Rosa church.

Frank J. Woodward

Returning to Philippines

Rev. Frank J. Woodward, who has
served as a missionary in the Philip-
pines, is soon to return to his post of
labor. He will be in northern Cali-
fornia for at least a week and will
appear in two or three of our
churches.

P. E. P., Farewell O. C. W. M., Hail!

On December 31 the services of
Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda as
chairman for our Conference of the
Postwar Emergency Program came
to an end. For three long years Mr.
Conard has given time, thought and
energy to this most necessary and
significant effort among our churches.
While Northern California, in com-
mon with the rest of the country, ap-
parently did not reach its full goal
for the three-year period, a tremen-
dous job has been done. We have
been able to carry a large part of our
share of the load, in world-wide re-
lief and in restoring the broken down
and worn-out equipment of our
schools, hospitals and mission sta-
tions. Mr. Conard did this work with-
out any financial reimbursement but
as a labor of love and a manifestation
of his own interest. He will continue
to serve as a member of the new com-
mittee on Stewardship, Missionary
Education and Promotion which will
sponsor Northern California's effort
for Our Christian World Mission.

Poet Extraordinary

Rev. Henry Stauffer, our beloved
senior minister, age 90, has published
a book of poems under the title, "The
Call of the Ideal." These poems are
gathered under several captions such
as "Creative Living," "War and
Peace," "New Patriotism," "One
World," "Brotherhood," and "Absti-
nence." Pacific has had the privilege
of printing some of Mr. Stauffer's
poems from time to time and con-
gratulates him on the insight and
poetical expression which this vol-
ume reveals.

Copies may be secured at \$1.00
postage prepaid from the Women's
Fellowship of the South Berkeley
Community Church, 1802 Fairview
Street, Berkeley 3, California.

Congratulations!

The Berkeley Gazette recently car-
ried a photograph and a very attrac-
tive story of Mrs. Abby M. F. Good-
sell, who has just passed her 93rd
birthday. Mrs. Goodsell is so well
known in our fellowship that any
story of her life will seem to be a
repetition to The Pacific readers. She
is probably the oldest living alumna
of Oberlin College. She and her late
husband, Rev. Dennis Goodsell, served
in many of our Northern California
churches. Her son, Dr. Fred Field
Goodsell, will retire this coming sum-
mer from the office of the Executive
Vice-President of the American Board
of Commissioners for Foreign Mis-
sions. Mrs. Goodsell's granddaughter
is our own Linda Blake, who with
her husband, Rev. Everett Blake, is a
missionary in Turkey. The Pacific
joins with the Berkeley Gazette, with
the First Congregational Church of
Berkeley, and a whole host of friends
in extending congratulations and best
wishes.

Modesto Report

Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, of the new
church of Modesto, reports capacity
crowds for the parsonage living room
on Sunday mornings. A Christmas
party was held and eight people went
carolling to a trailer camp. Twenty-
four man hours of labor went into the
building of sidewalks. The cost in
money was only \$53.00. The week be-
fore Christmas was full of visitors.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev.
James Gordon Gilkey, Jr., who has
been pastor of this church since Sep-
tember 1st, threw a bombshell into
the church on January 12 by an ir-
revocable resignation taking effect at
once. Mr. Gilkey felt that the church
was unable to carry forward the kind
of program which he envisaged. He
is not to continue in the ministry for
the time being, but will be in public
relations work, with headquarters in
New York. The church has asked
Rev. James H. Woodruff to serve as
acting pastor. While Mr. Gilkey was
in the east, recently, Rev. Ralph D.
Hyslop and President Ronald Bridges
were preachers at the morning ser-
vices and Dr. Woodruff and Rev. Sid-
ney H. Buckham, director of Church
Extension of the Conference, served
in the evenings. The offices have been
remodeled, and a new constitution
was adopted at the annual meeting
which merges the Church and the
Society.

MURPHY. This church, after many
years of being a part of the Calaveras
County parish, is to have a new min-
ister and his salary has been com-
pletely underwritten. Rev. Joseph O.
Todd of Sonoma has been called and
will begin work on February 1. Con-
gratulations to Murphy!

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK. In
spite of the fact that this new church
has the use of the hall only on Sun-
day afternoons and other meetings
must be held in homes, the work
goes forward. A place of worship
must soon be secured.

PETALUMA. Four members were
received on Christmas Sunday. On
that afternoon Rev. Herbert Gans, the
pastor, received word of the passing
of his mother, whose home was in
Norfolk, Nebraska.

PESCADERO. A Christmas Party
was held, though rather poorly at-
tended because of illness and cold
weather. Mr. Ronald O. Smith of
the Pacific School of Religion is
serving as pastor.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. Two new
members were received by baptism on
Christmas Sunday. The Women's
Fellowship has sent packages of food
and clothing to former ministers who
are in Japan.

FRESNO, FREE CROSS. A great
deal of reorganization is being done
under the strong leadership of Rev.
Carl G. Maier. At the annual Mis-
sions Festival, offerings for the day
amounted to more than \$2,200.

HAYWARD. Bids are now being
made for the beginning of the new
church building.

COMITY CHAIRMAN

Rev. Sidney H. Bukham, Church
Extension Director of the Conference,
has been named president of the
Comity Commission for the year 1949.
This Commission is a department of
the Northern California-Western Ne-
vada Council of Churches and looks
after the allocation of areas to the
various denominations for develop-
ment.

SERMON OUTLINES

The Commission on Stewardship
recently published an attractive four-
page leaflet entitled "Christian Stew-
ardship, The Biennial Emphasis of
the General Council." Rev. Torrance
Phelps of Sacramento prepared the
sermon outlines for the five Sundays
of October. This leaflet was circu-
lated to all of the Congregational
ministers in the United States.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SANTA CRUZ. Rev. Ed. Cunningham, who came to this church from Pocatello, Idaho, for the first Sunday of November, has been greeted by a large congregation every Sunday. The parsonage has been renovated. The church constitution has been altered so that the church is now incorporated instead of maintaining the old dual relationship. A monthly mimeographed parish paper entitled, "Cathedral Chimes," made its appearance in December. Mr. Cunningham is not a stranger in California, having graduated from Pacific School of Religion and for a time served our church at Ambrose.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A series of "Family Life" seminars is being conducted in January by a representative of the City Department of Adult Education, according to Rev. E. LeRoy Abbott, the pastor. Liberal use will be made of films and slides to illustrate various phases of family life. There will be group discussion following. These classes are held on Friday night each week.

LODI, FIRST. A ten-day season of friendly visitations has recently been had. Fifty selected teams presented the program of Our Christian World Mission and an appeal for deeper devotion for the work of the church. For the tenth straight year the budget of the church was underwritten by volunteer gifts from the people. There is a demand for the repeating of the Christmas drama, "And Myrrh." Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

SAN MATEO. Although having a late start in accepting its quota for CWVR, this church has raised the full \$3,000 expected of it. The campaign was under the vigorous leadership of Mr. John Neukom. On December 12, thirteen new members were received. Rev. M. M. Irwin is being introduced as the assistant minister. The unified budget of more than \$25,000 is practically subscribed.

FRESNO, FIRST. Two hundred four families have increased pledges for the coming year in the amount of over \$6,000, bringing the total to \$18,000. It is expected that a director of religious education and youth activities will be secured, and the goal for Our Christian World Mission will be met. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

FAIRFAX. While not reaching the goal, the Every Member Canvass resulted in a larger amount raised than ever before, a total of \$3,200. It is hoped that the church may have a full time minister upon the completion of the theological training of the present pastor, Mr. Frank K. McDowell.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The annual Christmas party was held in Codornices Club House. A large number of young people assisted in the presentation of a series of nativity scenes, beautiful costumes were used, and speaking choirs gave the narrative. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor.

WEAVERVILLE. Rev. LaFayette L. Steadman of Pacoima, Southern California, has been called to this church and will enter upon his service during January.

SANGER. The offerings for the Missions Festival Day amounted to about \$625. Total receipts at the Annual Bazaar were \$400. Rev. Edward Hildebrand is the pastor.

CEDARVILLE. Rev. Clifford Higby brought a carload of young people to the Conference in Berkeley, even though the snow storm was threatening progress over three mountain passes. The Pilgrim Fellowship is undertaking a project of building a large fireplace in the community hall. The Ladies' Aid will endeavor to have the ceiling of the sanctuary lowered to help in the heating problem. This society has spent, exclusive of donated labor, nearly \$700 on the parsonage during the past six months. Mr. Higby launched the C.R.O.P. drive in this valley.

AUBURN. Rev. Lucius F. Reed, who retired from this pulpit in October, arranged a service of recognition for his successor, Rev. William F. Keeney, on December 12. Rev. Maurice L. de Vries of Oroville preached the sermon and other visiting ministers participated, including Rev. Robert M. Kennan, Rev. Hendrik Martynse, Rev. Torrance Phelps, and Rev. Mary McKee Chester. Two laymen, Henry Brooks and Gordon Arlette, took part in the service. A reception to Mr. and Mrs. Keeney followed.

OAKLAND, FIRST. This church celebrated both the Thanksgiving and Christmas season appropriately with gifts for thankoffering by means of Thanksgiving baskets to meet the needs of Fairmount Hospital and migrant children and some parish families. The Christmas offering was to supplement the regular giving to the church to Our Christian World Mission in 1949. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

SAN LORENZO. On Christmas, 25 new members were received and 6 babies were christened. The church choir gave a two-hour program of Handel's "Messiah." During December, the cornerstone of the building was laid and a Sunday was devoted to Navy Day Dedication since the building was originally a Navy Chapel. Rev. Homer Schwarz is the minister.

ORINDA. The Christmas Sunday service was held in the Orinda Theater, with 600 persons present and about 100 taking some active part. On that occasion a junior choir appeared for the first time in vestments. The children's unit of the church building is nearing completion. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN. The church building is progressing slowly but certainly, with volunteer work of some 38 men who have signed up. In the meantime fairly comfortable quarters have been secured in a vacant store building. Reverends Joseph and Mary McKee Chester are the pastors.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Thirteen persons were received into membership on the first Sunday of December. Rev. Robert Inglis, the pastor, has challenged his people to celebrate the centennial year not only by fully participating in Conference plans but by drawing 100 new families into their own church fellowship.

ALTURAS. This church promoted C.R.O.P. and thereby Modoc County had the first freight car to roll to Shipside of any county in the whole state. It was loaded with rye. A beautiful maroon carpet has been installed on the chancel platform of the church. Rev. William Moll Case is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. R. W. Keeble, pastor, sends a monthly letter to the entire membership of the church in which he not only gives news of church activities, but some fundamental thinking about the meaning of the church itself. The budget for the new year has been greatly enlarged, the total being \$10,000. The church is looking forward to stronger evangelical emphasis in order to do its part toward the winning of the people of the community, since the population has been doubled in recent years.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Rev. Vere V. Loper is holding two identical services of worship on Sunday mornings, one at 9:50 in the new chapel and one at 10:50 in the main sanctuary. The usual large congregation came for the Christmas Eve midnight service of music. On the first Sunday of December, 36 new members were received into fellowship. More than \$2,300 was received at Christmas as the final offering from this church for the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction.

PITTSBURG. The fourth annual Christmas Eve service was held at 11:00 o'clock, consisting of carols, anthems, solos, responses, Scripture readings, and candle-lighting. The new dossal drapery completes the remodeling of the chancel and adds greatly to its beauty. The kitchen has been renovated and painted and new cabinets and water heater have been installed. Rev. E. W. Benedict is pastor.

SALIDA. On December 5 a recognition service was held for the new pastor, Rev. Orval S. Clay. The sermon was preached by Rev. Noel Breed of Stockton. Other ministers participating were: Rev. Sidney H. Buckingham of the Conference Office, Rev. Lawrence D. Granger of Angels Camp, Rev. A. R. Boone of Lodi, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe of Modesto, and Rev. I. Morse Dryer of Ripon.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. A new furnace unit has been installed so that now all parts of the building are comfortably heated. Five new members were received in November. The Women's Association cleared nearly \$700 at their bazaar and dinner. Progress is being made in landscaping and new equipment is added from time to time. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The new parish house is rapidly nearing completion and will be dedicated on Sunday afternoon, January 16, at 3 o'clock. Supt. Harley H. Gill is to preach the dedicatory sermon. North Church will thus again have splendid equipment for its social and educational program. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Eleven new members were received on Christmas Sunday. Rev. Torrance Phelps recently exchanged pulpits with the Rabbi of the Jewish Synagogue. For the third time, Dr. Phelps has been elected as chaplain for California State Assembly. He was nominated by Mr. Gordon Fleury, who is a member of this church.

BERKELEY, SOUTH. This church continues to be filled on Sunday mornings with earnest worshippers. Almost every service all of the doors of the side rooms are required to be opened. Rev. John C. Mickle and Rev. Buell G. Gallagher are co-pastors.

SAN CARLOS. At a harvest festival service in November, the people of the parish dedicated upon the altar their gifts for the coming year totaling over \$5,000 for general expenses, \$1,350 for benevolence and more than \$1,000 for the Building Fund. A memorial gift for the furnishing of the chapel was made in memory of Rev. Reed B. Cherington, founder and first pastor of the church. Bids will soon be called for the new building. Pilgrim Fellowship attendance has been running between 50 and 75. Rev. Weldon Batty is the pastor.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. Rev. George Aki has asked his church to accept his resignation, effective March 1, in order that he might undertake leadership in a new project in the city of Chicago. The church is to act on the resignation shortly. Under Mr. Aki's leadership the new building for the church was secured, moved, and put in attractive form. Also a parsonage was purchased and enlarged. About 175 people attended the Christmas program, when the sermon and service of worship were particularly directed to the children.

PORTERVILLE. Besides participating in C.R.O.P., the church did splendidly in its offering at the Christmas for Relief. On Sunday, December 12, the children's choir of 35 voices, white robed, furnished the music, and on Sunday, December 19, the chancel choir gave splendid numbers. The High School Girls' Glee Club put on a candle light vesper on the evening of the 19th. Rev. Willis Goldsmith is the pastor.

MARTINEZ. The strike against the Shell Oil Company has been a heavy blow to the church in its every member canvass effort, but now that the strike is over, the financing of the program of the coming year has been undertaken courageously. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is preaching a series of sermons under the general title of the "Narrow Way" based on the Beatitudes.

GUERNEVILLE. Through the labor of seven men and two concerns, this church now has a new cement sidewalk 50 feet long and 6½ feet wide. The cost was exactly \$2.30. About \$300 was made at the annual bazaar. The church now has the use of a new Wurlitzer organ. Mr. C. T. Gustafson, the minister, is putting out a parish paper with about 180 addresses.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. A new advisory committee from our fellowship has been set up. An electric organ has been purchased. Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, pastor, reports that houses are going up everywhere and new building schemes are on the way, and that the site of the new church will be within a half mile from them all.

ANGELS CAMP. The Every Member Canvass was a complete success with a goal of \$4,000 more than pledged. Rev. L. D. Granger has completed his service in Murphy, but will continue as chaplain for the Fricot School.



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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS DATES TO REMEMBER

Mrs. Ralph D. Hyslop, Correspondent

We are all looking forward to the 25th Annual Meeting of the Federation on January 20th. It will be held at First Congregational Church, San Francisco. The meeting begins at 10 a.m., and the theme is of greatest interest to us all, "Peace Is My Responsibility." The main speakers will be Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker from China, Supt. Harley H. Gill, and Rev. Robert Moon, pastor of the Park Presidio Church, San Francisco. There will also be interesting reports of the Federation work and the installation of new officers.

The price of the luncheon is 85 cents. Reservations close Tuesday, January 18. Send or phone reservations to Mrs. Homer W. Sale, 3820 Scott Street, San Francisco, Walnut 1-7243, or the church office, Exbrook 2-7461.

Your reporter had hoped to have reports from many of the Women's Associations in the area for the column this month. The Christmas rush evidently prevented most of the groups from sending in news. However, the following notes will be of interest:

PENNGROVE. The church recently organized a Mothers' Club. At the third meeting it had accepted 17 members. The Ladies' Aid, in conjunction with the Mothers' Club, sponsored an "Unseen Guest" dinner in November, and invited Miss Mary Coxhead to speak. The meeting was very well attended and all were inspired by Miss Coxhead's movie. The offering of \$65 was sent to missions.

GRACE UNITED CHURCH, S.F. The Priscilla Circle raised \$214.50 toward Fall Festival this year. Ten

pounds of greeting cards have been sent to missionaries in Japan. Garments have been made and sent to Church World Service for overseas. Dishes, money and dish towels have been given to Cazadero. An Unseen Guest meal was held, and reports of mission work and mission books have been given at nearly every meeting.

ARLINGTON CHURCH, BERKELEY. The women have done a magnificent job in contributing to the new building completed this year. They bought equipment for the kitchen, and the proceeds of their rummage sale last Spring went toward the Building Fund. The whole community has cooperated with the church in making this a real Community Center.

SANTA CRUZ. The women of the church have helped to fix up the parsonage for their new minister, and put in a new carpet.

FIRST CHURCH, BERKELEY. The women in the sections of the Women's Association have sent 18 sets of Compton's Encyclopedia to schools in China, India and the Philippines. This was inspired by Mrs. Donald Hsueh's telling of the great need for books in schools whose libraries have been depleted by war. Compton's have made the generous offer of sending sets of encyclopedias to needy schools for just the cost of express. The church's missionaries to Turkey, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Blake, are also sending for the encyclopedia. Though they could not afford to buy it, they can afford the express charges, and feel it will be a real cultural contribution to girls in Turkey, who get their ideas of America from the movies.

BUILDERS OF A NEW WORLD

America needs seasoned seers
Who garner wisdom with the years,
Who know that corn grows in the night
For all who dare to back the right;
Who know that oaken strength is born
Of sunshine and of wintry storm;
Who in the cloud can see the shower,
And in the bud can smell the flower;
Whose versatile imagination
Is twined with cooled deliberation;
Whose major aim it is to serve;
Who from their purpose will not swerve.
Say not, "Such seers cannot be found
On Hebrew or on Christian ground."
Such leaders does our time demand
To lead us to the promised land
Of universal brotherhood.

(from his new volume, "The Call of the Ideal")

—Henry Stauffer

CHURCH COVENANT

(The following is the covenant of the South Berkeley Community Church, one of the finest expressions of the Christian spirit to be found in such a document.)

"In the Name of the Father of all mankind, Amen. Witnessing in our day the division of Christendom by many distinctions of race, class, nation, and creed; concerned by these denials of the spirit of Him who prayed that we might all be one; and wishing in our worship, fellowship, and service to express the ministry of reconciliation committed to the followers of Jesus, we do solemnly covenant to establish this Church.

"We promise, as members of this Church, to walk together as Christian brethren, submitting to its governance and discipline;

"We cherish for each person the fullest liberty of conscience and belief in seeking to find and to know the Will of God, made known or to be made known to us;

"We welcome to our fellowship all persons, without regard to race, class, nation, or creed, who join with us in this covenant;

"In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus, we unite for the worship of God and the service of Man."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 20—Annual meeting Federation of Congregational Women, First Congregational Church, San Francisco.

January 21—Annual meeting, Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches.

January 21-22—Calvacade of Christian Education, Oakland.

February 20—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Berkeley.

February 23, 24—Pastoral Conferences, Pacific School of Religion.

April 17—Easter.

April 19, 20, 21—Rural Pastoral Conference, at Davis.

May 15—Centennial observances in churches.

June 17-24—International Congregational Conference, Wellesley, Mass.

June 20-July 29—Summer session at Pacific School of Religion.

June 29-July 27—Sylvandale School for pastors.

Pilgrim Fellowship Workshops

As the major spring effort of the P. F. Cabinet, Workshops will be promoted in each area to offer training for local officers and members. Workshops on program-planning, worship leadership, membership campaigns and special projects will be included. The tentative schedule is:

Feb. 19—S. Central at Angels Camp

Feb. 26—Redwood at Santa Rosa

Feb. 27—Upper Bay at Rio Vista

March 5—West Bay at San Jose

March 6—East Bay at Arlington

March 12-13—San Joaquin at San-ger.

For further information, write Miss Jeanette Desin, P. F., 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

SPRING ASSOCIATIONS

A tentative schedule has been suggested to the officers of the various Associations for the spring meetings. This is subject to change but may serve as a helpful guide.

Thursday, April 21—Spring meeting of the Federation.

Tuesday, April 26—Santa Clara Association at San Carlos.

Wednesday, April 27—Redwood Empire Association at Guerneville.

Thursday evening, April 28, Friday, April 29—Sacramento Valley Association at Alturas.

Tuesday, May 3—Bay Association.

Wednesday, May 4—Upper Bay Association at Port Chicago.

Thursday, May 5—Central Association at Ripon.

Friday, May 6—San Joaquin Association at Porterville.

Cazadero Summer

Camp Schedule

June 11-18—Central P. F.—Rev. Terence Stoker

June 18-25—Student Camp—Rev. Gordon Foster

June 25-July 2—Redwood—Upper Bay

July 2-9—West Bay—Rev. Weldon Batty.

July 9-16—East Bay—Rev. George Lindsay

July 16-23—Junior High (East Bay, Central, San Joaquin)—Rev. William Keeney

July 23-30—Junior—Mrs. Winifred Batty

July 30-Aug. 6—Jr. Hi (Redwood, Upper Bay, West Bay)—C. T. Gustafson

Aug. 13-20—Family Camp

Aug. 20-27—Family Camp

Aug. 27-Sept. 3—State P. F.—Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe

Sept. 3-5—Young Adults

O. C. W. M.

As of December 31, 1948, the three-year effort of the POSTWAR EMERGENCY PROGRAM came to an end.

Beginning January 1, 1949, all regular benevolent money and all contributions to relief are to be in one fund known as

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